

## University of Minnesota Morris Digital Well

# University of Minnesota Morris Digital Well

---

University Relations News Archive

External Relations

---

8-15-2014

## Sheehan Serves as NWF Campus Ecology Fellow

University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: [http://digitalcommons.morris.umn.edu/urel\\_news](http://digitalcommons.morris.umn.edu/urel_news)

---

### Recommended Citation

University Relations, "Sheehan Serves as NWF Campus Ecology Fellow" (2014). *University Relations News Archive*. Paper 37.  
[http://digitalcommons.morris.umn.edu/urel\\_news/37](http://digitalcommons.morris.umn.edu/urel_news/37)

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the External Relations at University of Minnesota Morris Digital Well. It has been accepted for inclusion in University Relations News Archive by an authorized administrator of University of Minnesota Morris Digital Well. For more information, please contact [skulann@morris.umn.edu](mailto:skulann@morris.umn.edu).



#### Contact

Melissa Weber, Director of Communications

Phone: 320-589-6414, [weberm@morris.umn.edu](mailto:weberm@morris.umn.edu)

Jenna Ray, Editor/Writer

Phone: 320-589-6068, [jrray@morris.umn.edu](mailto:jrray@morris.umn.edu)

### **Sheehan Serves as NWF Campus Ecology Fellow**

*Summary: Sheehan increased climate literacy and clean energy usage in Minnesota.*

(August 15, 2014)-For the last year University of Minnesota, Morris student Tim Sheehan '16, Minneapolis, has served as a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Campus Ecology Fellow. One of three New Energy Solutions Fellows in the United States, Sheehan has worked to increase climate literacy and clean energy usage in Minnesota.

“Originally, I took the position because I hoped it would give me insight into my personal interests and what it might be like to integrate sustainability into a career,” he says.

The goal of the fellowship was to work with partners to increase the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) in Minnesota to 40 percent renewable energy by 2030, part of the Minnesota Clean Energy and Jobs Campaign. To do so, Sheehan partnered with Clean Up the River Environment (CURE) and Minnesota Public Research Interest Group (MPIRG). According to him, one outcome of this effort included Governor Mark Dayton signing into law a solar energy standard of 1.5 percent by 2020 for investor-owned utilities, with a statewide goal of 10 percent by 2030.

“The fellowship was a great experience,” Sheehan says. “Several relationships were fostered this year, and thanks to the NWF, we had the resources to start some really interesting and influential groups. I hope to be able to do more next year.”

The National Wildlife Federation is a voice for wildlife, dedicated to protecting wildlife and habitat and inspiring the future generation of conservationists. More information is available at [nwf.org](http://nwf.org).

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at [morris.umn.edu](http://morris.umn.edu) or call 888-866-3382.